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TO: WH/COG FOR: ADDP  
C/CI/R & A (Mr. Bocca)

SUBJECT: Garrison and The Kennedy Assassination

REFERENCE: C/CI/R & A Memorandum Dated 26 April 1967

1. In response to reference memorandum, WH/Cuban Operations Group has endeavored to provide all available information on individuals and organizations requested in paragraphs 5, 6 and 7 of reference. Attachment 1 contains background information and biographic data on individuals obtained from WH/COG and SRR/AF files. Attachment 2 summarizes the background information and Agency association with the organizations listed in paragraph 5 of reference.
2. WH/COG will continue to review all material that may contain information pertinent to this subject and will forward such information to CI/R & A on a priority basis.

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Attachment 1  
Bio data on individuals

Attachment 2  
Background summary of FRD, DRE, INCA

ATTACHMENT 1 TO WH/COG 67-194

Document 1  
ARCACHA VIECLAS, ARMANDO S. (2) - File 1 of Reference memorandum

DPOB: 22 May 1923, Cuba

1. Traces on ARCACHA do not reflect the date he first arrived in the U.S. However, it became the VENDETE REVOLUCIONARIO DEMOCRATICO (VRD) and he in New Orleans prior to the Bay of Pigs invasion and remained in that position until the FED ceased to function. The FED was the predecessor of the CUBAN REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL, and was organized and supported by the Agency. The organization was used as a front for recruitment of Brigade 2506 for the invasion. During this period ARCACHA reported to the FED headquarters in Miami through a post office box in Coral Gables, and reportedly maintained extensive relations with the New Orleans FBI and Immigration offices. Two of his regular FBI contacts were a Mr. De Bruce and the deceased Guy Banister.

2. ARCACHA was also one of the promoters of the FRIENDS OF DEMOCRATIC CUBA, INC (FDC) which was incorporated in New Orleans on 6 January 1961. THIS organization was ostensibly created by several New Orleans business and political figures, including the deceased former FBI agent, Guy Banister, to collect money to aid Cubans in their fight against Communism. According to the articles of incorporation, these donations would also be used to support the FED and the funds were to be channeled through ARCACHA, less a percentage to be retained by the FDC. An investigation conducted by a reliable Miami Station asset concluded that the FDC was organized strictly for the personal gain of the promoters with the approval and collaboration of ARCACHA. The investigation produced no evidence that any individual donations were ever solicited or received and recommended that the funds of the Stevedores Union and the books of the New Orleans Exporters Company be investigated for evidence of personal gain and possible evidence of federal tax evasion, since both the president of the New Orleans Exporters Company, Gerard F. Tunague, and the Chief of New Orleans Stevedores Union, Alfred Chittenden, were officials of the FDC. Approximately one month after the FDC was created, strong criticism from some prominent Cubans put the organization out of business.

3. Information in an immigration card reflects that ARCACHA travelled to Caracas, Venezuela at an unspecified date. His address in Venezuela was HOTEL TIUNA, Caracas, and his US address was listed as 4342 Duplesses Street, New Orleans. Passport No. 06183.



Carlos BRINGUER is a brother of Juan Felipe BRINGUER Esposito, a former member of Brigade 2506 who was captured during the Invasion. The personal history statement in Juan BRINGUER's FBI file states his brother Carlos, a lawyer in Cuba, was 26 years old at the time of Juan's recruitment in 1960.

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In January 1950 subject of operation (INCA), sponsored the New Orleans appearance of Guadalupe CASIRO shortly after her arrival in the US. INCA had a particular interest in Miss CASIRO since they distributed 16 mm. films containing Miss CASIRO's declarations when she was surfaced in Mexico. A JMWAVE asset, who is Miss CASIRO's business manager, handled the planning and arrangements for the New Orleans visit with INCA officials. The only subsequent contact between the JMWAVE asset and Edward BUTLER occurred when BUTLER was recently in Miami promoting the INCA film on "CASTRO-HITLER in HAVANA". See Attachment 2 for a summary of the INCA organization.

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He is also listed in BOMBER Serials, a member of Brigade 2503 who was captured during the invasion and repatriated to the US in Dec 1962 prisoner of war.

2. FOWLER apparently immigrated to Cuba with his parents during his early life and returned to the US to attend school in the late 1930s. He attended the L'Ecole School, Lenox, Massachusetts, 1938-1940, Louisiana State University 1949-51. After his graduation from LSU he returned to Cuba and married Margarita Paletti Van der SCHUEREN, born 13 August 1933, Brussels, Belgium. FOWLER was President of the North American Sugar Company, Havana, from 1951 until he returned to the US in November 1960 and enlisted in Brigade 2506. At the time of his enlistment he gave Mark FOWLER, Cuban Refugee dentist, wife House Representative, and former US Ambassador William D. FAULEY, as references. Following his release from prison FOWLER worked for the BRAHMS CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, Palm Beach, Florida, where his father resides, and for BROOKS TRAVEL SERVICES, W. Palm Beach, Florida, until at least late 1964. He apparently lost his US citizenship during his years of residence in Cuba and immigration records indicate he applied for advance parole status in November 1964 while he was still employed in W. Palm Beach. He apparently returned to Louisiana sometime after that date. FOWLER's mother lives in Covington, Louisiana, and he has a sister who is married to Fort PIPES, Jr., member of a prominent New Orleans family.

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1. Subject is probably identifiable with Emilio SANTANA Galindo, who was recruited by JMWAVE in December 1960 as a guerrilla team infiltrator. This individual was paid a monthly salary, plus provisions until he was terminated on 15 October 1963 when the machine developed by the team became inoperable due to occupation of the target area by Viet Cong militia. Another compelling reason for SANTANA's recruitment stemmed from his untruthful reporting concerning certain aspects of the team operations.

2. In an attempt to establish positive identification, JMWAVE obtained a report from the Dade County (Miami) Sheriff's office that an Emilio SANTANA (no matronymic) born 8 July 1936 in Cuba, was declared a fugitive from Louisiana on a federal warrant 26 December 1965, FBI Sheet 13228.R, based on two counts of burglary in Louisiana. He was arrested and booked by the Dade County Sheriff's office on 2 February 1966 and was presumably sent back to Louisiana. At the time of his arrest SANTANA gave his address as 351 SW 4th Street, Miami, which is the same address shown on an old immigration form when he was living in Miami. Headquarters files indicate SANTANA is separated from his wife who apparently still resides at the old Miami address. Since SANTANA's date of birth varies on various documents in his 201 file, the variation in birth date on his arrest sheet is not conclusive. The fact he did give his former address to the arresting officers indicates he is Emilio SANTANA Galindo. A 1962 immigration form includes a photograph which could be obtained from JMWAVE for identification purposes if this becomes necessary.

3. Although JMWAVE has had no contact with SANTANA since his termination, there is a note in Station files dated 23 June 1964 that SANTANA used the Agency as his employer on an auto credit application.

(Reference - Explanatory)

As subject is possible to establish liaison with Carlos QUIROGA, a former student at Loyola or Xavier University who was a candidate for the Agency Student Recruitment Program. This involved recruitment of Cuban students in the US who would return to Cuba as agents in place. JMWAVE traces reflect an individual of the same name was an electrical engineer, residing at 1200 North Place New Orleans; in December 1964. Subject reportedly had homosexual tendencies, low morals, and until the middle of 1961 was an ardent CASTRO Supporter and made anti-US statements. There is no indication that a Carlos QUIROGA was ever employed by the Agency in any capacity.

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Subject is apparently identical with Julian BULNEDO  
Cavallanos, who arrived in the US on 10 November 1960 and  
enlisted in original 1503. He was a civilian pilot in Cuba  
and served in the invasion craft. Julian J. BULNEDO was  
captured and released in the prisoner exchange. (There is no  
indication he was ever employed by the Agency, other than  
his participation in the invasion.)

There is no record in the WH/Comm Operation Group files or JMWAVE files. [REDACTED] cited the article on NOVEL which appeared in the MIAMI HERALD on 26 April 1967, which is available in CIA & A, and is in the process of conducting an exhaustive search for traces on the cover organizations NOVEL claimed to operate for the Agency in New Orleans.

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NOTE: DRE is a acronym for named and funded by the Agency, in 1960, and was disbanded in December 1966. It was an organization of Marxist student group in Cuba which played a just initial and later against CASTRO. Many of the leaders came into exile around September 1960 and were subsequently trained and infiltrated into Cuba by the Agency in late 1960 where they operated by obtaining intelligence, political, economic, etc., up through the Bay of Pigs invasion. While the DRE was initially set up as a paramilitary unit, the organization was given a large amount of paramilitary aid in funds and material. After the Bay of Pigs, the DRE engaged in independent military actions which declined at Agency direction and because of a reduction in funds from late 1962 until termination of the group. Members were used through 1966 as political action agents, for publishing propaganda which was sent throughout the Hemisphere, attending international student meetings at Agency direction, and producing radio programs and special propaganda campaigns.

2. After the cutback in military operations, many of the best DRE members relocated in other areas. At present there are delegations in most Latin American countries which have maintained some contact with various Agency stations over the years although the DRE is no longer very active. During the organization's 6 year period of active existence DRE personnel were in contact with several CMWAVE staffers and outside contract agents. However, from January 1965 through December 1966, contact with DRE personnel was limited to two agents, Juan Manuel SALVAT, the current DRE Secretary General who is now operating a bookstore in Miami, Florida, and Fernando GARCIA Chacon who was relocated in El Salvador.

INVESTIGATIVE SECTION (INVESTIGATIVE)

1. INCA is an extremist, anti-propaganda organization in the United States that disseminates English and Spanish language propaganda tapes and films on a worldwide basis. INCA's political base is of an extremist political nature, etc. The organizational impetus and funds apparently come from wealthy New Orleans figures including Dr. Alton OCHSNER, of the OCHSNER CLINIC, and Willard E.

W. COOPER. In recent years INCA have been supplied by the SECURITY AGENCY ARMED COMPANY. An INCA letterhead listing all the officers and officials has been requested from JMWAVE which has had some casual correspondence with the organization concerning Miss Juanita CASTRO.

2. There is no indication of any Agency relationship with INCA prior to January 1965 when INCA sponsored Miss CASTRO's appearance in New Orleans. At that time an Agency asset who functioned as Miss CASTRO's business manager was involved with INCA officials in planning the New Orleans visit where Miss CASTRO was given an award at a dinner sponsored by INCA. The dinner, which was attended by civic leaders and representatives of all news media, took place shortly after Miss CASTRO's defection and there was considerable interest in her appearance. INCA was particularly interested since it had distributed hundreds of English and Spanish language tapes containing her statements when she was surfaced in Mexico. In October 1966 INCA again requested that Miss CASTRO appear as a guest speaker in major American cities in connection with the release of the INCA motion picture production "HITLER IN HAVANA". Following various reviews of the film, JMWAVE decided the film would probably become controversial and it would be inadvisable to permit Miss CASTRO to accept the invitation. Because of INCA's extremist political orientation, JMWAVE has wanted to avoid any more involvement between Miss CASTRO and INCA and the Station asset, in his capacity as business manager, has managed to prevent this. There has been only one casual contact between our asset and Edward BUTLER, Executive Vice-President of INCA, since Miss CASTRO's 1965 New Orleans trip. This took place recently when BUTLER was in the area promoting the "HITLER IN HAVANA" film.

3. According to JMWAVE, INCA officials have never indicated in any way that they are aware of Agency control and direction of Miss CASTRO or her business agent, and there is no indication that INCA officials have had any official contact with Agency officers.

and Cuban and Miami refugee assistance. The United Cuban Council, formed in late 1960 and constituted by several United Cuban groups, and the FRD was formed as a political, social, propaganda and military unit. Initial actions consisted of extensive radio and printed propaganda, demonstrations, and trips throughout the Hemisphere to gain support for the fight against CASTRO. The FRD also functioned as the liaison organization for recruiting the members of the Bay of Pigs invasion force and carried out a massive program of social assistance to Brigade 2606 members in training camps and their families. Although the FRD headquarters were based in Miami, delegates were assigned to other areas which included New Orleans, Louisiana, Tampa, Florida, and Mexico City, to gather intelligence and coordinate Cuban refugee activities.

2. In late 1960 or early 1961 the CUBAN REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL (CRC) was formed to coordinate and direct FRD activities and this group was headed by Agency and White House sponsored Dr. Jose MIRO Cardona, assisted by Manuel ARTIME and Dr. Antonio VARONA. Both the FRD and the CRC continued to function until October 1961 when the FRD was completely absorbed by the CRC in order to avoid the confusion resulting from duplication of personnel, activities and funding. The CRC also had direct access to President Kennedy and top White House aides. Because of the magnitude of the FRD and CRC operations and the Agency participation in the activities and funding of the groups, a large number of JMWAVE and Headquarters were directly involved with both FRD and CRC personnel.